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**SUBSTITUTE REISSUE OATH/DECLARATION OF SOLE INVENTOR**

Sir:

I, Marvin L. Vestal, declare that:

- (1) I am a citizen of the United States of America, residing in Middlesex County, Massachusetts;
- (2) I believe that I am the sole, original and the first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed in the above-referenced application for reissue and for which a patent is sought;
- (3) I believe that the original patent is wholly or partially inoperative by reason of my claiming less than I had the right to claim. Specifically, I claimed less than I had the right to claim because the prosecuting attorney, Loren G. Helmreich, did not appreciate the full scope of my invention;
- (4) All claims of the original patent include either a "plurality of portable sample supports" or the step of supporting samples on "a plurality of sample supports;"
- (5) An error being relied upon as the basis for this reissue application, under 37 C.F.R. §1.175(a)(1), is that my attorney did not appreciate that the scope of my invention was broad enough to include a system that did not require multiple sample supports;
- (6) The claims of this reissue application are broadened;

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- (7) I have reviewed and understand the contents of the application of this reissue, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in this Oath/Declaration;
- (8) I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56;
- (9) Every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and which is not covered by the prior oaths and/or declarations submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on my part;
- (10) I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



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